

## Tariff Hearings Ordered; Block Chances of Bill

Smoot Protests Committee Action Would Kill Measure, but Democratic Plan Wins With Penrose's Aid

Calder Also Votes Aye

Sessions Begin To-morrow; Spencer Offers Amendment; Bonus Up Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Stumbling blocks which the Fordney emergency tariff bill has encountered since reaching the Senate continued today to rise up in its pathway. The chief of these appeared in the decision of the Senate Finance Committee, in a stormy executive session, to hold hearings on the measure.

Advocates of the tariff measure believed and opponents hoped the committee's action would mean the death of the bill. Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, was understood to have told the committee the move would cause the bill either to be killed in conference or "blasted to death on the Senate floor." The projected hearings will begin Thursday and continue until at least Tuesday, and will be followed, also, by hearings on the soldier compensation bill.

Penrose Back in Chair

The Finance Committee meeting today was the first over which Senator Penrose, its chairman, had presided in more than thirteen months. An attempt by Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, to postpone action indefinitely on the tariff bill developed the first clash. The motion was lost, however, by two Democratic senators, Nugent, of Idaho, and Jones, of New Mexico—joining the Republicans.

The question of holding open hearings, committee members reported, brought on a second vote and exchanges in which sharp words were used. The motion to open the hearings was made by Senator Gerry, Democrat, of Rhode Island, and it was given the support of all the Democratic members, in addition to Chairman Penrose, who was joined by another Republican, Senator Calder, of New York.

Penrose Predicts Report

Senator Penrose, after the meeting, issued a statement in which he said that both the soldier bonus and tariff measures "undoubtedly would be reported to the Senate." He declined, however, to offer a prediction as to what action would be taken in the Senate. Opponents of the tariff bill were confident it never would become law.

One of the first of the many expected efforts to change rates carried in the House bill was indicated during the day in the presentation in the Senate by Senator Spencer, Republican, Missouri, of a substitute for House tariff on zinc and zinc products. The substitute would place import duties of 12 cents a pound on zinc ores containing less than 25 per cent of metal, 2 cents per pound on ores containing more than 25 per cent zinc, 2 cents on zinc

in blocks, pigs or other bulky forms and 2½ cents on zinc sheets.

## Argentina Asks Colby to Explain U. S. Tariff Plans

President of Buenos Ayres Stock Exchange Argues Against Economic Conflict

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 4.—Consideration of the effect on Argentine products of tariff legislation meeting in the United States was requested of Secretary of State Colby in a letter which the Buenos Ayres Stock Exchange delivered to him here, and which was made public today.

It pointed out the common interests of the United States and Argentina, stating that these imposed the necessity of avoiding any economic struggle which might arise. It asserted that emergency laws never are able to solve the economic problem, merely acting as palliatives which, instead of overcoming the difficulty, aggravate the situation.

Mr. Colby and his party left Buenos Ayres last night on their return trip to the United States. The Secretary boarded the Uruguayan cruiser Argentine cruiser Libertad, and will transfer to the battleship Florida, which is sailing in Uruguayan waters. The voyage to the United States was expected to be without a stop.

## Court Rejects Packers' Stockyard Control Plan

Officers To Be Appointed to Take Charge if Proper Agreement Is Not Reached

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—All proposals thus far advanced by the big meat packers for divesting themselves of their stockyard interests were rejected today by Justice Stafford, in the District Supreme Court. The companies were given thirty days in which to submit new plans.

At the same time the court warned that unless the defendants proposed plans that would meet requirements outlined it would "feel obliged to appoint officers to take title to all the stock (of the stockyards) in question and to hold the same subject to the order of the court until suitable agreements can be made to have it disposed of in accordance with the terms and purposes of the decree" agreed upon between the packers and the government more than a year ago.

In a formal statement regarding the court's decision the Department of Justice interpreted this as meaning "that if the packers do not voluntarily submit themselves to the stockyards the court would do it for them."

## Ward Company Loses Million

Chicago Firm Reorganizes and Reports on Finances

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The official staff of Montgomery Ward & Co. was reorganized at a meeting of the board of directors to-night, who elected a new president and several new directors. At the same time the board issued a preliminary statement for the 1920 year, saying that there had been an operating loss of \$1,000,000 during the year. Gross sales were \$112,333,525, against \$108,514,367 in 1919. Inventory had been reduced several million dollars recently.

Theodore F. Meseles, for the last eighteen years vice-president and general manager of the National Cloak and Suit Company, of New York, was elected a director and president of the Ward company, succeeding Silas H. Strawn in the latter position. Strawn resigning to become chairman of the board.

## Nonpartisan League Loses North Dakota

Opposition Coalition Wins Speakership in House by 59 to 44 and Controls the Entire Organization

Senate Held by One Vote

League Now Prepares to Inaugurate a Purely Obstructive Program

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 4.—North Dakota's State Legislature organized today with the Non-Partisan League, not in control of the House of Representatives, the first time since 1915. The league retains control of the State House by the margin of a single vote. The House of Representatives was organized by the coalition Democratic and Republican forces by a vote of 59 to 44, naming L. L. Twitchell, of Fargo, Speaker. The whole House organization was perfected on the same division.

Two years ago, the combined anti-Non-Partisan League vote was only thirty-three, while four years ago only twenty-nine votes were mustered against the Non-Partisans.

The Non-Partisan League's majority in the Senate may be wiped out as a result of a contest instituted in Billings County by R. J. List, who challenges the right of Gust Wog, Non-Partisan.

Retained Hope Until Roll Call

It was not until the House roll call determined the success of coalitionists in electing Twitchell that the Non-Partisan faction gave up hope of regaining ground they lost in the election last November. One man elected in opposition to the Non-Partisan League quit the coalition caucus last night, but he stood by the caucus choice for Speaker to-day.

At the outset of the session it is apparent that the Non-Partisan League element is interested only in preserving its so-called "Industrial Program," calling for state operation of certain basic industries pertinent to the marketing of the state's agricultural products.

The league element says they expect to initiate practically no new legislation, and Governor Frazier, Non-Partisan, who yesterday began his third term, announced to-night that the message he will deliver to the Legislature to-morrow will be short. He is expected to urge the Assembly to

initiate no laws that will in any manner weaken the Nonpartisan industrial program, advising the Assembly to enact the necessary appropriation measures and adjourn as early as possible.

## Hays Here, but Refuses to Talk on Harding Cabinet

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, was at the committee headquarters yesterday in West Forty-fourth Street, but refused to talk about the Harding Cabinet.

Chairman Hays is to leave for Washington to-day, but expects to return to New York on Saturday night to attend the annual dinner of the Amen Corner brethren.

One of Chairman Hays's callers yesterday was Henry W. Marsh, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform Association. When Mr. Hays was asked how Senator Harding was progressing, he said:

"This normal man is doing the normal thing and keeping his promise, made repeatedly before the election, that he would immediately face and try to find the solutions for the problems before the country, with consultations with as many of the leaders in thought and action without regard to party that it is possible to see."

"This he is doing, and from all sides we hear of the consequent confidence for the future growing continually as the splendid leadership moves in a courageous manner to definite objectives. All this means much in helping the general situation, which might have been very difficult as we move into the new year."

## Miner Killed When Dynamite Explodes

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 4.—George Hayes, a miner, was killed by the premature explosion of dynamite near the boarding house of the Crystal Block Mining Company, at Gates, near here, last night. Mystery surrounds the presence of Hayes at that place at the time of the explosion, and civil and military authorities are investigating the strike also were inquiring into the circumstances attending the death of Hayes.

J. M. Tully, general superintendent of the Crystal Block Mines, said threats had been made to dynamite a boarding house of the miners near Gates, and requests had been made to place guards around the house last Sunday. He did not take the threat seriously. The explosion occurred within thirty-five feet of the company boarding house. Tully has decided to guard the property.

Reports received by the authorities indicated that the man had crossed Tug River in a boat and that in climbing a fence between the river and the mine property he stumbled and fell, with the result that the dynamite exploded.

## Councils Demand Officials Halt Rise in Rates of Utilities

Community Parliament Told Propagandists Coerce Consumers; Brooklyn Gas Weak, Water Force Low

Resolutions were adopted by the Community Councils' city parliament, in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen last night, demanding that the city and state authorities take steps to prevent public service corporations from increasing the rates of water, gas, electricity and telephone service.

It was charged that the water, gas and electric light companies had increased rates while reducing standards of service and that "the telephone company was carrying on a widespread propaganda with a view to increasing rates."

John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, declared that "if Mr. Hyman and Mr. O'Brien remain in office a few months longer, the gas companies, which illegally increased rates, will make refunds to the consumers." He declared that in Brooklyn "there are some Brindells and Pettricks who have told owners of new houses that they can't get service unless the gas company is permitted to charge higher rates."

Mr. O'Brien charged that the Consolidated Gas Company not only had no legal right to increase the rate from 30 cents to \$1.20 a thousand feet, but that it would be shown when the case was tried before the Supreme Court that the company was making a profit of 20 cents on the 80 cent rate. He declared that the Edison company, which recently charged its consumers an increase on the contention that it had to pay more for coal, had "handed itself a Christmas present amounting to \$8,000,000 a year."

Concerning the new schedule for increased rates filed by the New York Telephone Company with the Public Service Commission, Mr. O'Brien said "the company recently spent \$300,000 in a publicity campaign to tell the public of its financial distress."

Jabez E. Dunningham said that the quality of gas furnished Brooklyn consumers is so poor that "it takes an hour to boil water with it." He said the force of the water supply is "weak that in some districts of Brooklyn, when the water is turned on the first floor, it ceases to flow on the fourth floor."

John K. Clark, president of the parliament, announced that representatives of each of the public service corporations had been invited to present their side of the questions. When called upon them to speak there were no responses.

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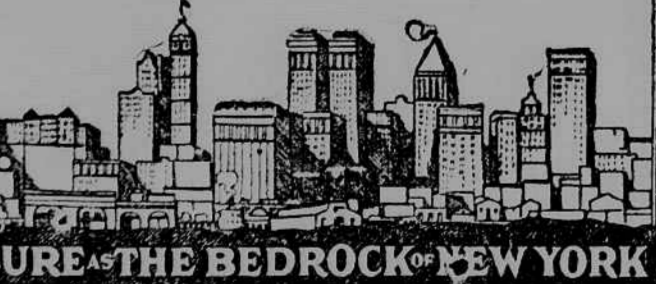
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